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ADDRESSES AND PROCEEDINGS AT THE DINNER TO MR. JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL HARLAN, given by the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington, December 9, 1902. Edited by the Executive Committee. New York: Cameron & Bulkley. 1903. pp. 80. 4to.

On December 10, 1902, Mr. Justice Harlan completed his twenty-fifth year on the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, and at a dinner given him by the Bar of the Supreme Court over two hundred and forty members, representing nearly every state in the Union, together with the President of the United States, and other guests of national prominence, assembled in recognition of Mr. Harlan's long and distinguished judicial service. By request of those present, and of many who were unable to attend, a full account of the proceedings at the dinner has been published in handsome and suitable form. The speakers in honor of the occasion were President Roosevelt, ex-Attorney-General MacVeagh, Mr. Justice Harlan, Chief Justice Fuller, Mr. Justice Brewer, Senator Hoar, Sir Edward Blake, Hon. Alexander Pope Humphrey, Ass't Attorney-General James M. Beck, and R. Ross Perry. These speeches compose the bulk of the volume, and form a wholesome and well-merited tribute to Mr. Harlan, as a soldier, friend, citizen, and judge. In the last respect, also, they are of peculiar interest, since the speakers wisely felt that they could give Mr. Harlan no higher praise than by explaining the full significance of the office which he has so well filled. Thus they furnish an explanation of the purpose for which the Supreme Court exists, its great power for good or evil, and what the quality of its judges must be, in order that they may perfectly justify the confidence which the nation places in them. Nor is it merely in this respect that the speeches are worthy of attention, for, in addition, they show us, through their outline of Mr. Harlan's character, that the nation's confidence is not misplaced. The book is a fitting testimonial to one who during a long life has served his country well. If it shall further operate to give us yet deeper faith in our chosen judges, the book will serve a double purpose.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW OF 1903. Covering private business corporations, excepting financial, insurance and public service corporations. By Prescott F. Hall. Boston: William J. Nagel. 1903. pp. lxii, 353.

The modern and liberal provisions of the new Massachusetts Business Corporation Law wisely give a much greater freedom of corporate organization and management than existed under the previous legislation, but without the loose and undesirable features found in the laws of some other states. The passage of this law will mark a new era in the development of corporate enterprise in this state. Under these conditions a practical and convenient working manual of the law is almost a necessity. This need the present volume fills in a very satisfactory manner.

After briefly sketching the history of corporation legislation in Massachusetts, the author makes a tabular comparison of the important provisions of the laws of those states in which corporations are chiefly organized, including the laws of Massachusetts, and then takes up the Act of 1903. This he considers section by section, discussing each provision fully and carefully, and giving a very complete citation of cases. In addition to the Act of 1903, certain other portions of the statutes affecting business corporations are printed, and the cases bearing upon them collected. The writer thus brings into readily accessible form the substance of the Massachusetts law governing business corporations. The book closes with a collection of the forms needed for compliance with the various requirements of the act, and of other forms of importance to incorporators, particularly including numerous suggestions of standard clauses declaring the powers and purposes of corporations. As will be readily seen, this manual will prove of considerable value in solving the many legal questions that will often arise in the forming and management of business corporations under this new Massachusetts law.

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